problems, lack of resources, etc. The Working Group on Land Reclamation and Development for the formulation of the Seventh Five Year plan had recommended for taking up a Centrally sponsored scheme for "'Survey, Categorisation and Restoration of culturable wasteland and fallows other than current fallows" with an outlay of Rs. 255 crores. The scheme envisages undertaking survey and categorisation over 2 million. of area comprising 1.2 million ha. of culturable waseland and 0.8 million ha. of long fallows and developing restoring about 5 lakh ha. of area (comprising 3 lakh ha. of culturable wasteland and 2 lakh ha. of long fallows) to productive uses during the Seventh Plan. Owing to financial constraints and no allocations provided during the Annual Plans 1985-86 and 1986-87 and also for the Seventh Plan, it has not been possible to initiate the scheme so far.

The National Wastelands Development Board hss been set up for undertaking large scale afforestation programme in wastelands for raising fuelwood and fodder.

Statement

(*in lakh ha.*)

State	Culturable wasteland
1	2
Andhra Pradesh	9.0
Assam	1.1
Bihar	4.2
Gujarat	19.7
Haryana	0.5
Himachal Pradesh	2.4
Jammu & Kashmir	1.5
Karnataka	5.0
Kerala	1.3
Madhya Pradesh	18.0
Maharashtra	9.9
Orissa	2.5
Punjab	0.4
Rajasthan	62.0
Tamil Nadu	3.3
Uttar Pradesh	11.5
West Bengal	3.7
Others	7.1
ALL INDIA	163.1

Seminars by NAMEDIA

92. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Namedia, the Media Foundation of the Non-aligned, has been carrying out series of seminar around the country on Doordarshan "Today and Tomorrow".

(b) what is Government's reaction to this project; and

(c) whether Government propose to consider its recommendations for implementation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government welcomes such open discussions, as these seminars are intended to arouse a public debate with the ultimate objective of improvement of Doordarshan.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government would consider its recommendations.